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## **GPO LOOKS AT PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO EXPAND ACCESS TO GOVERNMENT INFORMATION**

*Washington, DC*—The U.S. Government Printing Office announced today it is looking for innovative ideas from private sector vendors for services relating to its current sales program operations.

“Our goal is to increase public awareness of Government publications by making them available in a commercial mainstream setting, expand distribution channels and use the latest technology, while achieving significant cost reductions,” said Bruce James, Public Printer of the United States. “This is a prime example of how the Government and the private sector can partner to provide the public greater flexibility in accessing publications found within our sales program.”

GPO is looking for suggestions from vendors regarding a new model for the publications sales operations on a revenue sharing basis.

A Request For Information (RFI) was posted today in [FedBizOpps.gov](http://www.fedbizopps.gov) (<http://www1.eps.gov/spg/GPO/PSPSD/WashingtonDC/Reference%2DNumber%2DID2005/listing.html>). Responses are due by May 4, 2005. More information including the full text of the RFI is available at: [www.gpo.gov/salesprogramrfi](http://www.gpo.gov/salesprogramrfi).

In Fiscal Year 2004, GPO’s sales program had a gross revenue of about \$25 million.

The GPO's main mission is to ensure the American public has access to Government information. The GPO is the Federal Government’s primary centralized resource for gathering, cataloging, producing, providing, authenticating, and preserving published U.S. Government information in all its forms. GPO is responsible for the production and distribution of information products and services for all three branches of the Federal Government.

In addition to its sales program, GPO makes Government information available to the public through *GPO Access* ([www.gpoaccess.gov](http://www.gpoaccess.gov)) at no cost, and through partnership with more than 1,250 libraries nationwide participating in the Federal Depository Library Program.

For more information about the GPO, please visit [www.gpo.gov](http://www.gpo.gov).

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